

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE COMPLETION OF A \$10 MILLION EXPANSION AND RENOVATION AT MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ART

LOS ANGELES - The Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA) recently underwent a \$10 million expansion and renovation that will increase its ability to bring important and compelling Latin American art to all Californians. Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement Friday as the museum prepares for a grand unveiling with a Black-Tie Gala on Saturday:

"There is perhaps no better medium than art to foster a greater understanding of the diverse cultures that comprise our societies. Art speaks to the content of our souls as individuals, and reflects upon the cultural influences that shape each artist.

"So it is with great pleasure today that I commend the Museum of Latin American Art on the occasion of the unveiling of its \$10 million expansion and renovation project. The improvements will help expose even more Southern Californians - and visitors from across the nation - to the important, passionate and compelling work of Latin American artists.

"MoLAA continues to be an important influence, helping us all gain a greater appreciation of cultures, and the ability to recognize the common qualities that unite us all."

For more information about the museum, please visit: www.molaa.org.

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